

REMARKS

The priority claim has been amended to correct a clerical error.

Claim 10 has been canceled.

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-7 and 9 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 15/9 and 14/9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,123,725 (the '725 Patent). A terminal disclaimer based on the '725 Patent is submitted herewith and thereby overcomes this rejection.

Claim 8 is objected to. Claim 8 depends from claim 1 and is therefore also believed to be allowable.

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks and allowance of claims 1-9 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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